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## BRECKONS AND ATKINSON.

Mr. Harr, before leaving here, was quoted to the Advertiser as follows: "I have found no definite evidence that District Attorney Breckons is corrupt, but he has done many hazardous things. I find him out of tune with the best sentiment of the community and you need not be surprised if, before long, he finds his private practice so burdensome that he will give his whole attention to it." From the cablegram of yesterday announcing Mr. Atkinson's appointment as U. S. District Attorney, we learn that "Mr. Breckons gave no special reason for resigning except that he wished to continue to devote his attention to private business." Mr. Breckons' friends say that he offered his resignation some time ago as an alternative to agreeing to cease private practice if retained in office. The Department, it seems, preferred the resignation, the President having asked Senator Warren to quietly procure it. As there was delay in the matter, the Advertiser's Washington correspondent, Mr. Walker, called on the President, who said that unless the resignation was received, Mr. Breckons would be removed. We published a special cablegram to that effect. This is the complete status of the case as we understand it.

The final outcome of the affair, the appointment of Mr. Atkinson, is very satisfactory. Aside from his positive virtues he has the negative one of not being a carpet-bagger—a class which has usually boasted that it was "not in Hawaii for its health." Mr. Atkinson was born here and educated on the mainland and has borne an excellent reputation. He was a most efficient Secretary of the Territory and as Acting Governor he was a success. We know no reason why he should not set as high a standard of public service in the United States District Attorney's office as he has in his other official positions.

## A BOOM FOR HONOLULU.

Like every other good thing a boom has its drawbacks, but its net result where there is anything to base a boom upon, is larger population, greater and more widely scattered wealth, more business, more public utilities, finer buildings, keener enterprise and an immense and paying advertisement. There is also the impetus of a new population, filled with fresh ideas and resentful of baronial control—as the cattle and wheat barons of Southern California soon found out after 1886.

Honolulu had a boom right after annexation. The Alexander Young Hotel, the Stangenwald building, the Boston block, the Moana hotel, the Lewers & Cooke block, the general improvements on King, Hotel, Alakea, Nuuanu and other down-town streets, the palaces in the residence districts, the Rapid Transit road, and a score of great fortunes and numberless smaller ones are among the local results. The new plantations also came of that sudden inrush of capital and enterprise. No doubt some people spent too freely and did not recover; but the thing they created remained and, in other ownership, helped make the community what it is. The Advertiser, by comparing its business with what it was before the excitement of 1898-9 has no reason to object to booms; nor has any merchant in making a similar comparison, unless, perchance, he tried to do too much on small capital and could not meet his liabilities when things became normal again.

The coast cities from Puget Sound to San Diego, have attained their prosperity by the boom method. They saw no reason why they should not profit by all the men and all the millions they could attract; and they went out with enthusiasm to bring them in. Newcomers were thronging. If some of them built railroads which began nowhere and ended anywhere, and if some people overbuilt or got too much land at a high price, that was a personal misfortune; but the villages became towns and the towns cities and the States filled up and that was a public blessing. Today, all along the golden coast, people are praying and working for more booms, those who profited before that they may do so again and those who lost that they may recoup.

## NORTH AMERICAN CONSERVATION CONFERENCE.

In his letter to President Diaz, of Mexico, and Lord Grey, of Canada, President Roosevelt outlined as the purpose of the North American Conservation Conference the consideration of "mutual interests involved in the conservation of natural resources" and the preparation of "a general plan adapted to promote the welfare of the nations concerned." There is a pretty well defined feeling, however, that definite topics will have to be discussed. That the Canadians take this view is indicated by the fact that they have sent to the National Conservation Commission compilations of specific regulations governing the disposal of their natural resources.

Last summer's forest fires on both sides of the line between the United States are so recent in the minds of both countries that undoubtedly some co-operative scheme of fire protection is likely to be reached. There are other important international questions concerning natural resources which can hardly fail of consideration.

The Canadian and Mexican delegates to the Conference came prepared to contribute suggestions as well as to receive them. Their representatives at the international meeting are prominent specialists on the various phases of the subject. Conservation has not been limited to the United States. Early last year, for instance, every acre of the public timber lands in British Columbia, except what has been leased, was placed in forest reserves. This action was taken to check waste by bringing the care and cutting of timber resources more effectively under government control. The action affected 150,000,000 acres—as much land as was put into all national forests of this country up to 1907. In the Yukon all water power rights are granted for only twenty years and at the expiration of that time their control reverts to the public. The water power question is one of the most important and far reaching before the United States today. President Diaz of Mexico has a comprehensive knowledge of forestry and understands fully the benefits to be gained by its application. He is also deeply interested in the improvement of agricultural methods and the farmers of the country are rapidly adopting scientific methods. Mexico has few large waterways but the nation has provided for the expenditure of several million dollars for the improvement of internal navigation.

Recent discussion in the Canadian Parliament of President Roosevelt's proposal for cooperation for the conservation of the natural resources of the whole continent indicates that the support of the conservation movement in the Dominion will be as thoroughly nonpartisan as it is in the United States. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, was as enthusiastic in his support as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier, who expressed his deepest approval of the movement.

The resolution adopted in the House yesterday and made a part of the Rules that common ordinary sense be shown in the matter of refusing to print duplicate bills, justifies the debate of the previous day in the matter. To the ones who could not appreciate that, in encouraging the freest expression of opinion in the matter, the Speaker was putting the members on record and pledging them to adopt the policy of businesslike economy advanced by him this and last session, the debate on the matter appeared a waste of time. Granting that the particular matter under discussion was a trivial one, the principle involved was broad and the carrying out of that principle will save the territorial taxpayers thousands in this one session and establish a rule for future Legislatures to work upon.

There are no signs that the Queen's (\$250,000) gratuity bill will pass either at the present session of Congress or any other. This is a remark the Advertiser has annually made for ten years and expects to make annually hereafter while the Queen presses her claim. If there is anyone of influence enough with the venerable ex-sovereign to convince her of the folly of her hopes and of the wisdom of saving the money she is now throwing away on a vain quest, he had better exercise it. All Hawaii is in favor of the Queen getting \$250,000 or any other sum from Congress, but no one who has watched the fate of previous and more tenable claims before that body, hugs the flattering illusion to his soul that she is going to succeed.

It would be the crowning act of the present Congress to pass the Ocean Mail Subsidy bill, which was favorably reported to the House yesterday. But it is to be feared that the shortness of time between now and March 4, will prevent. The enemies of the bill may be able to obstruct it until the life of this Congress has come to an end; otherwise the Republican platform commitment to the subsidy policy might well assure its passage.

Servia is no match for Austria-Hungary in population, area or war strength, but she has the Danube between her and a possible foe and has a warlike race of people, with mountains in which to retire. Her weak point, defensively, is

the capital, Belgrade, which is just across the river from Hungary. It will be deemed very probable that, if Servia begins war, she will do so with assurances of aid from all the Balkan States and from Bosnia and Herzegovina—perhaps under the moral encouragement of Russia, with the sovereign of which empire, Bulgaria's restless ruler recently had an important conference.

The Alameda will be worth more to her owners and to the public, with its wireless apparatus. We hope that the Pacific Mail will follow suit. That it should have long since permitted its liners to be distanced in this respect by freight and towboats on the local run is an astonishing circumstance.

The initials of our only Jack stand for A Lucky Cuss.

## ATKINSON IS TO SUCCEED BRECKONS

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honesty and integrity as a prosecuting official and that his resignation was purely voluntary, due to the attitude of the Department of Justice in objecting to United States attorneys indulging in private practice.

Mr. Breckons has not, however, given the Harr report out for publication, and it is recalled that the President said some time ago that if Mr. Breckons did not accept Senator Warren's advice to resign, he would be removed. It seems to be a Thwing victory.

Mr. Atkinson was receiving congratulations yesterday, though his official notice had not arrived yet.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

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years is to be accounted for by changes in financial conditions and increase of competition upon the line of goods to which the Exchange confines itself. Being so accounted for, the directorate sees no cause for the slightest discouragement, but, instead, looks hopefully forward to good, steady advancement as times will permit under the careful, experienced and efficient supervision of the worthy manager and her loyal assistant. To enable the Exchange to carry on its expenses and at the same time do for its depositors what it does, the consignment department is an aid, yielding, as it does, the usual business profits.

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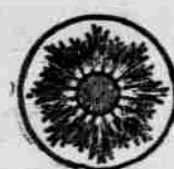
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